

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs [0038], [0039] and [0053] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0038] In the illustrated arrangement, the communications system 100 includes a CPU 102 of a computing device (not shown) configured and arranged for serial communication with an Infiniband adapter 104, an Infiniband/GigE bridge 106, a GigE/synchronous optical network (“SONET”) bridge 108, a SONET/Fibre Channel bridge 110, and a RAID drive storage tower 112. Serial connections between these components are provided by a series of communications links. In particular, the CPU 102 and Infiniband adapter 104 are connected by a peripheral component interconnect (“PCI”) Express link 114. Downstream of the Infiniband adapter 104, an Infiniband link 116 connects the Infiniband adapter 104 with the Infiniband/GigE bridge 106. In similar fashion, a GigE link 118 connects the Infiniband/GigE bridge 106 with the GigE/SONET bridge 108, while the SONET link 120 connects the GigE/SONET bridge 108 with the SONET/Fibre Channel bridge 110. Finally, a Fibre Channel link ~~[[“1”22]]~~ 122 connects the SONET/Fibre Channel bridge 110 with the RAID drive storage tower 112.

[0039] Each of the aforementioned links conforms with a protocol that has particular strengths and functionality that make the link well suited for use in particular environments. For example, the PCI Express link 114 comprises a high speed, inexpensive short-haul connection, while the Infiniband link 116 employs a high-bandwidth protocol that is useful in data center transmissions. Further, where it is desired to transmit data across an enterprise LAN, the GigE link 118 is often effective. The SONET link ~~[[1120]]~~ 120 is particularly well adapted for high

bandwidth, long haul applications. Finally, the Fibre Channel link 1122 enables data transmission to high performance disk drive storage systems such as the RAID drive storage tower 112.

[0053] It should be noted that systems and methods for the use of such a reference clock in connection with timestamp based sorting, display and evaluation of captured data events are disclosed and claimed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/764,218 (~~designated as Workman-Nydegger Docket No. 15436.162.1~~), and entitled *SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR TIME BASED SORTING AND DISPLAY OF CAPTURED DATA EVENTS IN A MULTIPLE PROTOCOL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM*, filed the same day herewith and incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference.